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MARK CHONA CALLED THIS MORNING TO FILL ME IN ON LATEST DEVELOP-
MENTS RE JOSHUA NKOMO'S ACCEPTANCE OF MALTA II. HE STARTED OFF
BY SAYING THAT HE HAD GIVEN ME ASSURANCES THAT NKOMO WOULD
ADHERE TO APRIL 15-16 DATES (REFTEL A) AFTER HE HAD CONSULTED
WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD CALLED NKOMO THIS
MORNING TO DISCUSS DATES ONCE AGAIN. NKOMO HAD TOLD THE PRESIDENT
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THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT HE MEET HIS APRIL 16 COMMITMENT IN
EUROPE. HE HAD ARGUED THAT SECRETARY VANCE WOULD ARRIVE IN DAR
ON THE 13TH AND THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TIME FOR MALTA II ON
14-15. CHONA ASKED ME IF IT WERE TRUE THAT SECRETARY VANCE
WOULD ARRIVE ON THE 13TH. I SAID THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY BUT WE
HAD NO FIRM WORD TO THIS EFFECT. CHONA SAID KAUNDA WOULD TRY TO
REACH NKOMO ONE LAST TIME BEFORE HE LEFT FOR DAR. HE WOULD CALL

ME BACK IF THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW.

COMMENT: CHONA LEFT ME WITH THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT KAUNDA
HAD AGREED TO NKOMO'S PLEA FOR APRIL 14 AND 15 MEETINGS ON BASIS
OF ARGUMENT THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD ARRIVE DAR ON 13TH. SINCE
HE HAS NOT CALLED BACK I SUSPECT THAT KAUNDA DID NOT GET TO
NKOMO BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.
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